

**Opening Statement of Rep. Jan Schakowsky**  
**Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations**  
**Hearing on “*Volkswagen’s Emissions Cheating Settlement: Questions*  
*Concerning ZEV Program Implementation*”**

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Over a year ago, this subcommittee held a hearing after revelations that Volkswagen had cheated on emissions testing and defrauded American consumers. I had several questions in that hearing for Michael Horn of Volkswagen about how quickly its cars would be repaired and how the company would make its customers whole again.

I would like to follow up on those questions today. Unfortunately, I cannot because – while this is a hearing on a settlement in the Volkswagen cheating scandal – no one from Volkswagen is here to testify. In fact, of the four parties in the settlement (Volkswagen, Department of Justice, California Air Resources Board, and Environmental Protection Agency), the Republican majority only invited the EPA.

This should not be our last hearing on the Volkswagen scandal, and I hope the relevant parties will be better represented in future hearings.

Cheating on emissions test has real consequences for Americans’ health. We must hold Volkswagen to account. I want to thank EPA for its ongoing efforts to mitigate the problems caused by Volkswagen vehicles.